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LAFFIN' GAS

An Idea, A Subject and the Talent

When Steve Schanes approached me with the idea that I edit a bi-monthly humor magazine called **Laffin' Gas**, I was interested. When he approved my concept to have each issue be a parody of a particular subject, I accepted.

With the easy part out of the way, we settled down to picking some worthwhile subjects, and rounding up talent. My hope is to look at the lighter side of various trends and hot items both within the field of comics, and without. The issue you have in your hands deals with the latest craze in "Mutant Ninja Samurai Warrior Soldier Animal" type comics. As is well known, Eastman and Laird (now known as the "Turtle Guys") put out a very successful *Ronin* parody. Then came the almost as successful "Radioactive Hamster" version. Suddenly, there was a population explosion of mutant animals. We couldn't resist.

In this issue we were lucky enough to line up Chin and Parsonavich, to do a parody of their own book; talented newcomer Andy Ice (who will be pencilling the upcoming "Alien Ducklings" in the October issue); Panda Khan's Dave Garcia, Lee Marrs doing a prequel, and yours truly (What can I say? I'm in good with the editor).

There you are, I hope you like it. Next issue we take on somebody famous in *Dark Light, A Third Less Heroic Than Our Regular Heroes.*

Cliff MacGillivray
Editor

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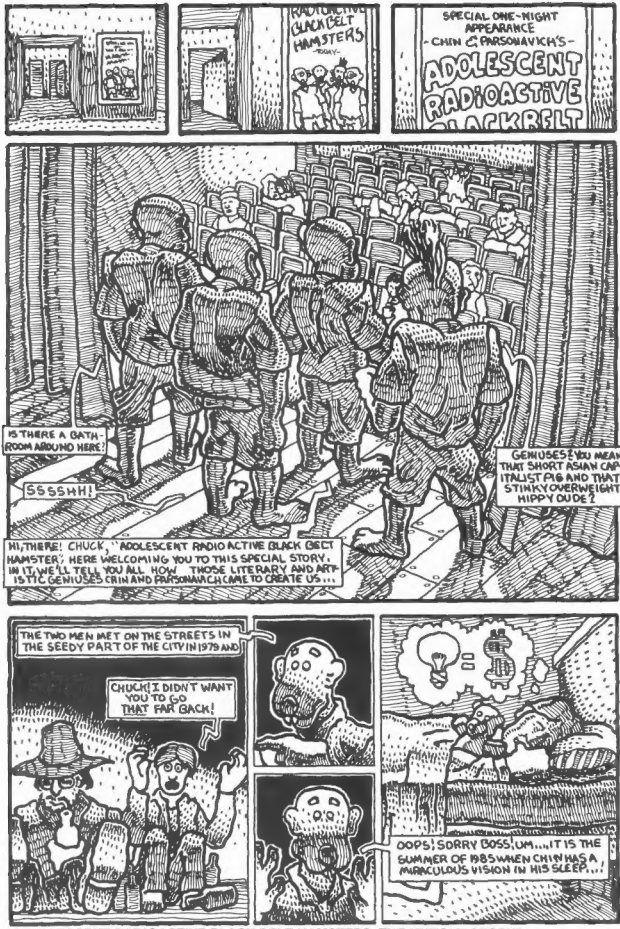

RADIOACTIVE BLACK BELT HAMSTERS -TODAY-
SPECIAL ONE-NIGHT APPEARANCE -CHIN & PARSONAVICH'S-
ADOLESCENT RADIOACTIVE
IS THERE A BATHROOM AROUND HERE?
SSSSHH!
GENIUSES? YOU MEAN THAT SHORT ASIAN CAPITALIST PIG AND THAT STINKY OVERWEIGHT HIPPY DUDE?
HI, THERE! CHUCK "ADOLESCENT RADIOACTIVE BLACK BELT HAMSTER" HERE WELCOMING YOU TO THIS SPECIAL STORY. IN IT, WE'LL TELL YOU ALL HOW THOSE LITERARY AND ARTISTIC GENIUSES CHIN AND PARSONAVICH CAME TO CREATE US...
THE TWO MEN MET ON THE STREETS IN THE SEEDY PART OF THE CITY IN 1979 AND
CHUCK! I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO GO THAT FAR BACK!
OOPS! SORRY BOSS! UM... IT IS THE SUMMER OF 1985 WHEN CHIN HAS A MIRACULOUS VISION IN HIS SLEEP...!

"ADOLESCENT RADIOACTIVE BLACK BELT HAMSTERS: THE UNTOLD STORY"

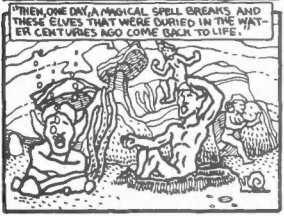
Script: DON CHIN Art: PARSONAVICH Copyright ©1986 Chin & Parsonavich

SOON...
PARSONAVICH! I...I HAD DREAM -- I HAD AN AWESOME DREAM!
CHIN, SPARE ME WITH THE LIONEL RICHIE TUNE ---PLEEEZE!
SERIOUSLY--IT WAS A VISION!
DID IT INVOLVE A LURID SEX SCANDAL FEATURING ME AND ALL THE FEMALE MEMBERS OF THE HUNGARIAN GYMNASTICS TEAM?
NO-!
DARN.
I'VE GOT IDEAS FOR SOME NEW BOOKS -- THEY'LL MAKE MILLIONS---
THEY'LL MAKE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE GAG THAT'S WHAT THEY'LL DO! REMEMBER YOUR LAST IDEA --GUMBY GOES TO HELL AND THE ILLUSTRATED LIFE AND TIME OF JOE GARIGIOLA...?! REAL WINNERS, CHIN!
WOULD JA JUST GIMME A CHANCE?! LET ME EXPLAIN!
OKAY- LISTEN UP! GERIATRIC GLOWING GAS-PUMPING GECKOS! IT'S ABOUT A GROUP OF FOUR SENILE OLD LIZARDS NAMED DEEP SURFACE COLOR AND GROVER THAT WORK AT A CHEVRON STATION IN BISBEE, ARIZONA. THINK OF IT! IMAGINE ALL OF THE JOKES WE COULD DO ABOUT BEING COLD-BLOODED, LIMB REGENERATION, EATING FLIES, SCALY SKIN, BECOMING ELDERLY AND NOT KNOWING HOW TO FIX FOREIGN CARS!!! IT WOULD BE A RIOT!
I SURE AM HOT TODAY...
THEN LOCK YOURSELF IN THE REFRIGERATOR.
FRANK'S JUST BEEN DECAPITATED.
DON'T WORRY. GIVE HIM A FEW YEARS... IT'LL GROW BACK.
HEY! THERE'S A FLY IN MY SOUP!
CAN I HAVE IT?

KISSY, KISSY!
I SAID WRENCH, NOT WENCH!

SO...WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I THINK YOURE INSANE, AS USUAL. I KNOW I'LL REGRET ASKING YOU THIS, BUT WHAT'S YOUR OTHER IDEA?
OO! OO! IT'S EVEN BETTER! LISTEN UP-- I CALL IT "FISH LORDS"
'FISH LORDS'?!!?

YEAH! YEAH! IT'S ABOUT A BUNCH OF TALKING FISH THAT LIVE DEEP AMIDST THE CORAL REEFS IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN.
HI VERN!


"THEN, ONE DAY, A MAGICAL SPELL BREAKS AND THESE ELVES THAT WERE BURIED IN THE WATER CENTURIES AGO COME BACK TO LIFE."

WELL, THERE GOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD! "THE FISH AND THE ELVES HAVE A BIG TERRITORIAL WAR..."
DEATH TO THE POINTY BEARD INVADERS!

THEN EVERYBODY DIES!

SOUND GOOD?

SOUNDS ABSOLUTELY ATROCIOUS CHIN... I THINK I LIKED THE "GUMBY GOES TO HELL" BETTER!
HOW ABOUT THIS? THE NEW MSG AGENTS -- A BUNCH OF CHINESE COOKS GET TRANSFORMED INTO SUPER HEROES IN A FREAK ACCIDENT IN A RESTAURANT KITCHEN!
NOPE.
OKAY--LET'S TRY IDEA #4... THE UNFUNNY SKIMMERS! THIS GROOP OF MUTANT TEENAGE COMEDIANS GO TO COPENHAGAN, DENMARK AND GET SEA CHANGE OPERATIONS!
BIG NOPE.
ALRIGHT--THIS'LL APPEAL TO HIGH TECH COMICS FANS--I CALL IT "HOBOTECH!" THE LAST GENERATION "VAGABOND ROBOTS FUELED BY PORK & BEANS JUST LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO STAY AND...
YEESH!
THAT'S ENOUGH, THANK YOU! CHIN, YOU INTERRUPT MY BEAUTY SLEEP JUST TO BABBLE ON AND ON ABOUT TRANSEXUAL MUTANTS, LEAPING LIZARDS AND A FISH FANTASY!!! I SAY YOUR'E HOPELESS! YOURE NUTS! GIVE IT UP, NOW!
AND I WAS JUST GETTING TO THE ONE ABOUT "ADOLESCENT RADIOACTIVE BLACK BELT HAMSTERS!"
CLICK!
BUMMER.
THE END!

HE WAS A LARGE, WHITE LABORATORY RAT THAT HAD BEEN CRUELLY EXPERIMENTED ON BY HIS HUMAN CAPTORS. EVIL DOCTORS FORCED HIM TO WATCH HOUR AFTER ENDLESS HOUR OF THE A-TEAM, DUKES OF HAZZARD AND LOVE BOAT RERUNS UNTIL HIS MIND SNAPPED. HE BECAME: MR. TV!
TAKEN FROM HIS MOTHER'S PAWS AS A TINY SQUIRREL, BULK BOLSHEVIK WAS RAISED BY OVERZEALOUS PROMOTORS TRYING TO CREATE THE PERFECT WRESTLER. RAISED SOLELY ON A DIET OF RUSSIAN STEROIDS AND GREEN M&M'S, BULK'S BODY AND PERSONALITY BECAME HORRIBLY TWISTED INTO AN INCREDIBLE WRESTLING MACHINE.
BULKSTER!
THE KUNG FU KID WAS A WILD CHIPMUNK WHO WAS LEFT TO DIE ON THE STEPS OF A TIBETAN MONASTERY. RAISED BY A PEACEFUL YET DEADLY GROUP OF FANATICAL MONKS, HE BECAME SKILLED IN EVERY FORM OF MARTIAL ARTS COMBAT.
--- TOGETHER THEY FORMED THE UNHOLY TRINITY KNOWN AS:
RADIOACTIVE WRESTLING RODENTS

RADIOACTIVE WRESTLING RODENTS

Story: CLIFF MacGILLIVRAY Art: DAVE GARCIA Lettering: JACK THOMPSON

--- ESTABLISHING THEIR BASE OF OPERATIONS IN A QUIET RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD, THEY BEGAN TO TERRORIZE THE COMMUNITY...
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE. THE RODENT PROBLEM HAS BEEN UNBELIEVABLE!
FERNSTEAD MANOR
EXTER
SINCE
PESTS REMOVED-- RATS, BATS AND BRATS "YOU SAY THE WORD AND THEY'RE GONE"
OUR ENEMIES MOVE AGAINST US!
PITY THE FOOL WHO TRIES TO TACKLE THIS RAT!
THAT'S RIGHT, TV BABY! YOU AND ME CAN WHIP ANYBODY, ANYPLACE, ANYTIME!!
BULKSTER!
IT APPEARS THEY SEND AN EXTERMINATOR!
THE EXTERMINATOR! I WENT THREE ROUNDS WITH HIM IN "THE CAGE" IN BOSTON GARDENS IN 1984! HE'S NUTHIN!!
THREE ROUNDS! HE WON'T LAST ONE WITH ME!!
A STRONG ROCK STANDS AWAY FROM MANY BUSHES IN THE WIDE OPEN FLATLANDS...
HUH?
KID, YOU BEEN IN THAT MONASTERY TOO LONG!
BULKSTER!
TV
WHILE OUTSIDE, EXTERMINATOR MILFRED PANDEE HAS NO IDEA OF THE DANGER THAT AWAITS HIM...
NO PROBLEM, MR. FERNSTEAD, THIS HERE NEWFANGLED ELECTRONIC RODENT RETREIVER WILL DO THE JOB IN A JIFFY!

THE STAGE IS SET. THE LATEST IN SCIENTIFIC ADVANCEMENT VERSUS THREE FUR BALLS OF FURY, WHOSE DEADLY SKILLS AND RAZOR SHARP INCISORS HAVE BEEN HONED TO LETHAL SHARPNESS...
IT IS BETTER TO ROCK THE BOAT THAN TO SWIM THRU THE CLOUDS!
YOU MESSIN' WITH THE WRONG DUDE!
YOU AND ME EXTERMINATOR! RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW!!
CLICK!
BULKSTER!
I'M THE BEST THERE IS AND I'VE GOT THE BELT TO PROVE IT!
FOOD! GOOD IDEA!
NEVER PUT YOUR FACE WHERE YOU WOULDN'T PUT YOUR HANDS!
ZIP
BOOM!
A SHORT TIME LATER...
WELL, THAT WAS QUICK!
WHAT ARE THOSE LITTLE COSTUMES THEY'RE WEARING?
I DON'T RIGHTLY KNOW, MR. FERNSTEAD. IT SEEMS TO BE THE LATEST THING. I'VE SEEN 'EM ALL--- HAMSTERS, TURTLES, ALL KINDS OF RODENTS.
BUT LET'S FACE IT--- THEY'RE JUST RODENTS
EXTERMINATOR SINCE 1961

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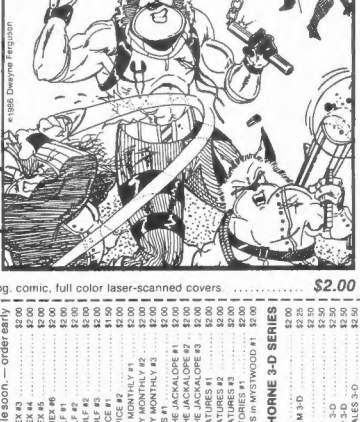

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NICE HOUSE, FRANK! WHERE'D YOU GET THE MONEY?
HEEEEE PRO-PROBABLY ROBOBBED SOMEBODY! DID YOU SEEE ALL THE GUNS HE HA-HAS?
CAREFUL, BURT OLD BUDDY. WITH ALL THAT BEER YOU'VE BEEN DRINKING, YOUR BREATH MIGHT JUST SET OFF SOME OF THAT AMMO!
WHAT KIND OF TREE IS THAT, FRANK?
TONY
THAT'S ONE OF THOSE BONSAI TREES. MY JAPANESE GARDENER PUT IT IN. THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DWARFS, BUT HE SAYS HE'S NEVER SEEN ANYTHING GROW AS FAST AS THINGS DO AROUND HERE.
LOOK AT THIS, BURT! THIS IS A MITCHUM 77, ONE OF THE FINEST URBAN DEFENSE WEAPONS MANUFACTURED IN THE FREE WORLD!
SEVEN AND SEVEN! DON'T MIND IF I DO!
THIS BABY CAN RIP THROUGH SIX-INCH PLATED STEEL LIKE IT'S TIN!
YOU'RE (HIC) ALL RIGHT, MARK!

COLOSSUL NUCLEAR BAMBINO SAMURAI SNAILS © 1986 Cliff MacGillivray/Andy Ice
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LET ME SHOW YOU GUYS THE BACKYARD
COME ON, FRANK, TELL US HOW YOU COULD AFFORD A PLACE LIKE THIS!
WELL, LET'S JUST SAY THE LOCATION HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT!
BROWNSVILLE NUCLEAR GENERATOR AND WASTE DISPOSAL
WOW! THIS KINDA MAKES MY HAIR STAND ON END!
ARE YOU KIDDING? IT'S NOT STANDING ON END, IT'S MELTING!
ZLIMPS!
I DUNNO FRANK, LIVING HERE WOULD MAKE ME KIND OF NERVOUS!
NO, MARK, IT'S GREAT! THE GUY WHO SOLD IT TO ME SAID THAT IT NEVER GETS COOLER THAN 76 DEGREES EVEN IN THE WINTER!
GIANT SNAIL-SHAPED BLIMPS!
BESIDES, THE GLOW AT NIGHT SAVES ON MY OUTDOOR LIGHTING BILL!
PLUS, I HAVEN'T SEEN A FLY OR A MOSQUITO FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK I'VE BEEN HERE!
GIANT SNAIL SHAPED JAPANESE BLIMPS!
AND HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS TAN!
BURT, YOU'RE DRUNK, WHY DON'T YOU...
OOOZE SLURGLE-OOOOZE GLOP
BUT WHAT ABOUT THAT NOISE?
NEVER HEARD IT BEFORE. I WONDER IF...
OH MY GOD!

COLOSSUL NUCLEAR BAMBINO SAMURAI SNAILS

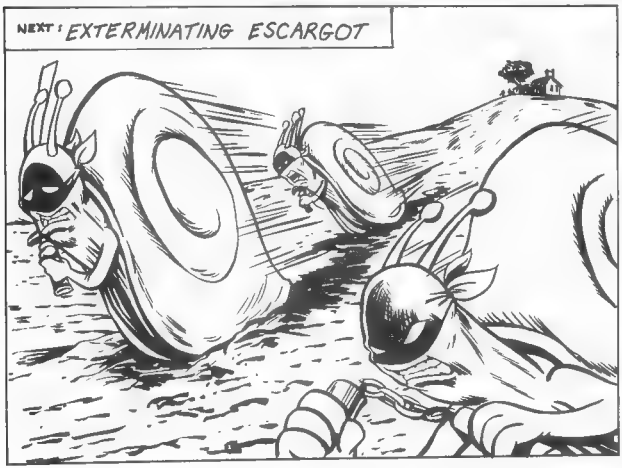
STORY: CLIFF MacGILLIVRAY ART: ANDY ICE

MOVING SWIFTLY, WITH SPEED THAT BELIES THEIR GREAT SIZE, THE WARRIOR BORN GASTROPOD MOLLUSKS SPRING TO THE ATTACK!
WHAT IS THIS? WHAT'S HAPPENING?
SWSSHH
AAARGH
I... I DON'T KNOW! I TRIED TO KILL SOME SNAILS YESTERDAY WITH SOME BLOWING LIQUID I FOUND IN THE GARAGE, BUT THEY WERE NORMAL SIZED!
YOU FOOL! YOU'VE CREATED MONSTERS!
I'M GETTING THE MITCHUM 77
BRING MEEE COFFEEE MARK I NEED TO SOBER UP
WHOOSH
THUNK
HMMMMMM
OH MY GOD!
HURRY UP MARK! THEY'RE CARNIVOROUS!

DIE YOU BASTARDS!
AIM FOR THEIR EYES!
KA-
POW
OH NO! IT'S EATEN BURT!
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
(URP!)
THE BULLETS AREN'T HAVING ANY EFFECT!
WE'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING OR WE'RE DOOMED!
POW KA-
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
AAAAHH
SSSS

PICKING UP THE FALLEN GIANT'S SWORD, MARK, A WEAPONS EXPERT, CARRIES THE FRAY TO HIS ENEMY.
MARK CLASHES SWORDS WITH TWO OF THE SNAILS, WILBUR, AND EDDIE.
CLANG
BUT THESE ARE NO ORDINARY SNAILS. THEY ARE WARRIOR BORN AND TRAINED. THEY ARE SAMURAI SNAILS!
AAAAHHH
DRINK THIS, YOU MURDERERS!

YOU OK?
I THINK SO
WHAT DID YOU SPRAY ON THEM?
BEER.
BEER?
YEAH, I FORGOT THAT BEER KILLS SNAILS. THEN WHEN THE ONE THAT ATE BURT STARTED BUBBLING, I GOT THE KEG TO FINISH THEM OFF.
WANT A DRINK?
NO THANKS. I HAVE A FEELING THAT THEY'LL BE BACK!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AAARGH
...TOPPING TONIGHT'S NEWS ARE REPORTS OF MORE RABBITS FOUND DEAD AFTER EATING CARROTS LACED WITH CYANIDE!
AUTHORITIES SAY THAT AT THIS TIME, THERE ARE NO KNOWN MOTIVES OR SUSPECTS...
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, CITIZENS ARE URGED TO KEEP THEIR RABBITS ON A LETTUCE DIET...
AND TO NOT EVEN TRUST YOUR OWN GARDENS!

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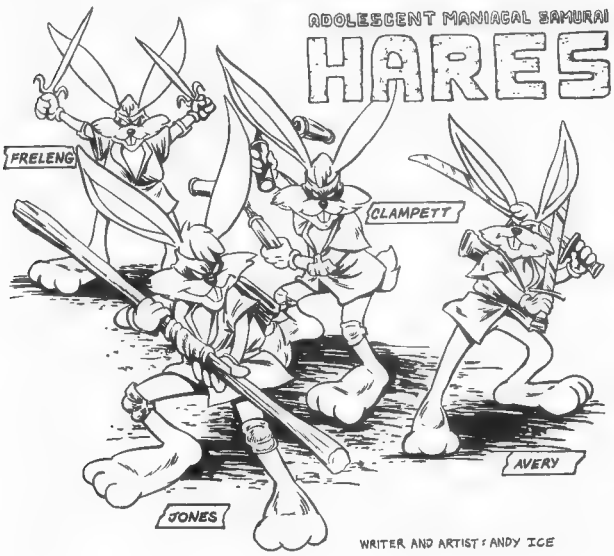
ADOLESCENT MANIACAL SAMURAI

HARES



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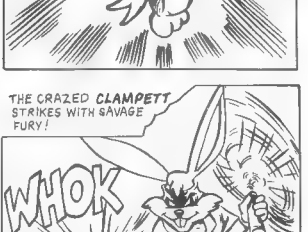
YOU SEEM TO KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING, AVERY.
THIS CAN ONLY BE THE WORK OF THOSE GOPHERS AGAIN!
ARE YOU SURE?
DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, JONES?
WOW! A KILLER CARROT COMPOUND! THOSE GOPHERS ARE OUT TO WIPE US OUT!
CARROT PATCH
OF COURSE YOU KNOW, THIS MEANS WAR!!
WELL, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? LET'S HIT 'EM!
UH, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO HIT US!
GUERRILLA GOPHERS!!

AFTER YOU.
PLEASE, I INSIST!
NO, NO, I WOULDN'T THINK OF IT. AFTER YOU!
VERY WELL, THAT'S AWFULLY KIND OF YOU
BUDDA-BUDDA-BUDD

CUT THAT STUFF OUT, YOU GUYS, GET 'EM!

THE BOASTFUL BUNNIES ATTACK! AVERY STRIKES FIRST, PAVING THE WAY FOR THE OTHERS.
SHUK


THE CRAZED CLAMPETT STRIKES WITH SAVAGE FURY!
WHOK

THE STEADY FRELENG, TAKES MATTERS INTO HIS OWN HANDS!
SHHKK

WHILE LAST BUT NOT LEAST, JONES HACK'S HIS WAY THROUGH THE GOPHER GANG!

HEY! THERE GOES THE TOP GOPHER DOWN THAT HOLE IN THE GROUND!
HA! THOSE HAPLESS HARES WILL NEVER CATCH ME NOW! I CAN ALWAYS GATHER MORE GOPHER TROOPS.
AND AS MY KILLER CARROTS SPREAD, I'LL SOON HAVE TOTAL CONTROL OF THE UNDERGROUND!
EH? WHAT'S THIS? SOME KIND OF CAVE-IN?
WHOOO
DON'T BE IN SUCH A HURRY, GOPHER...
ACK
... YOU HAVEN'T EVEN HAD LUNCH YET!

WELCOME BACK, CLAMPETT. I GUESS YOU CAUGHT HIM, EH?
LET'S CHECK OUT THEIR COMPOUND!
CARROT PATCH
HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET RID OF ALL THESE CARROTS?
HEY, NO PROBLEM! NOW WE CAN HAVE SOME REAL FUN!
YOU'RE A MANIAC, AVERY!
AIN'T I A STINKER?

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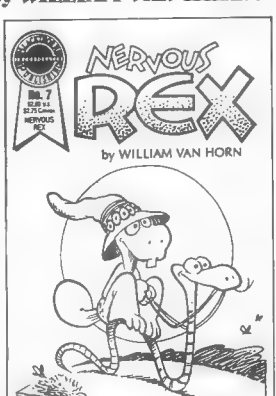

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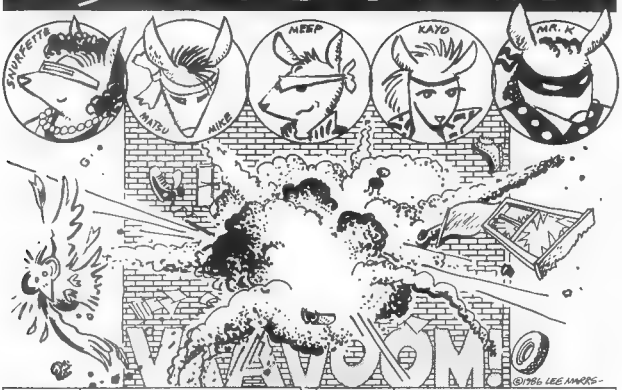

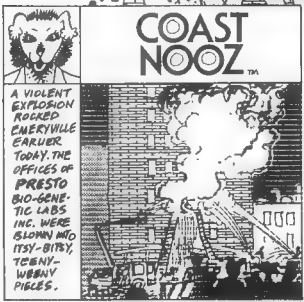
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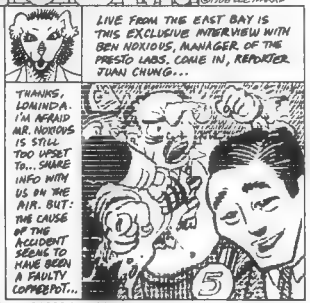
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THANKS, LOLINDA. I'M AFRAID MR. NOXIOUS IS STILL TOO UPSET TO... SHARE INFO WITH US ON THE AIR. BUT: THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A FAULTY COFFEEPOT...
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WAITAMINIT! SINCE WHEN DID YOU BELIEVE TV NEWS? HERE'S WHAT REALLY HAPPENED...
BIO GENETIC LABS inc.
WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOUR TEACHER ANY LONGER. ALWAYS HAPPY TO GIVE TOURS TO EXCHANGE STUDENTS. FROM AUSTRALIA?
FAIRDINKUM, MATE.*
PSST. WHY WON'T YOU GO TO THE MOVIES WITH ME?
'CAUSE YOU ARE A TOTAL SLIME.
OH.
HERE WE ARE DEVELOPING PRESTO BIO CHIPS... THESE ORGANIC COMPUTER CHIPS WILL GROW THE CIRCUITS NECESSARY FOR EACH BUYER'S NEEDS. I PERSONALLY THINK...
REAL BEAUT!
SO, WHERE IS MS. SNIT?
KAYO AND I LOCKED HER INVA DUNNY. HEH, HEH. **
TICK TICK TICK
WHAT?! THE WOODSTOCK-40 IS GLOWING!!
TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK
TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK

* ALL FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION FROM THE AUSSIE. ** WELL, I FORGET! DUNNY = TOILET. HEH, HEH = HO, HO.

GENETIC MATERIAL DOESN'T EXPLODE!
TELL THAT TO MY SUIT. LOOK AT THAT RIP..
EVERYBODY O.K.?
HOW AHRE YAST
OBLIGATORY KIRBY PERSPECTIVE SWIPE
KOFF KOFF KOFF KOFF
HEY! KANGAROOS! YOU KIDS ARE TOO YOUNG FOR THAT..
GET OFFA ME
OWF!
YATCH! MY KNEE..
OMIGOD... THEY'RE GLOWING!
AAAHHRRROOOOO!
INKS
P.T. D.G
FOR COMPLETE POWERS REUNDOWN- ISSUE #1

AN UPDATE ON THE PRESTO LABS EXPLOSION LAST WEEK: FBI, EPA AND FTD INVESTIGATORS HAVE SEALED THE SITE. THE COMPANY IS CURRENTLY DOING BUSINESS...

FROM A BACKBOOTH AT BENNYS. SEEN HERE AT... UH... SEEN HERE ... WELL, WE SEEM TO BE HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY WITH THE INTERVIEW TAPE.. AH.. O.K. WE'LL GO ON...

INFORMED SOURCES HAVE LEAKED THESE SHOTS OF FOUR VISITING AUSTRIAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS WHO WERE PERHAPS EXPOSED TO RADIATION DURING THE ACCIDENT.

EXTENSIVE TESTING AND TREATMENT OF THESE STUDENTS IS BEING CONDUCTED BY STATE... OR MAYBE FEDERAL AGENTS... UNLESS IT'S THE FBI... MAYBE THE GIRL SCOUTS...?

WELL, KIDS, THE TESTING IS DONE. YOU LIL' ROOS CAN'T POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND OUR FINDINGS. BESIDES, THAT INFO IS NOW CLASSIFIED. O.K.? NOW...

WE'LL SOON BE MOVING YOU INTO.. HOUSING...

..THAT...

GARRRR

ON THE OTHER HAND...

I'M A GREAT... SUPPORTER OF KIDS' LIB..

WHUP

THE EXPLOSION'S CAUSE IS CLASSIFIED. HOWEVER: THIS ACCIDENT FORCED THE WOODSTOCK 90 GENETASE TO ATTACK AND CORRUPT YOUR CHROMOSONA ZORKS.

THIS "DIRTYING" HAS GIVEN YOU YOUR NEW POWERS.

I..I'M AFRAID THAT YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO.. HAVE ANY CHILDREN.

WE COULD NEVER HAVE HAD KIDS. WE ARE KANGAROOS.

OH YES! THAT'S RIGHT.

WHERE DID THIS BASTID GET HIS DEGREE? FAHRENHEIT'S?

WE CAN'T LET THEM CAGE US UP LIKE THIS!
WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHO DID THIS!
THAT MEANS WE HAVE TO JUST BREAK INTO THE LAB.
HEY! I THOUGHT THIS WAS AN... ABORIGINE TALE! BUT I..
ORIGIN! ORIGIN TALE, MR. K.
OH, UH.. SORRY NEVER MIND.
CHOMP CHOMP
SNORT
SCREEK
RYYGHT! LET'S GET OUTA HERE!
'WAY RAD, KAYO!
WHEE! I'M SPIDEY!
OOH NO! IT'S TOO LATE FOR THE BUSES TO RUN! HOW DO WE GET THERE?
AHEM!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID I WANTED A LARGER ROLE...

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OH NO! GUARD BULLS! THEY'VE REALLY BEEFED UP THEIR SECURITY.
RIDDEEDIG! WE NEED A DISTRACTING SURPRISE...
SIGH... YOU DRONGO! WE ARE THE SURPRISE.
OH. RIGHT. YEP.
AAHHR
ROOO!
WOK
WHA?
WHAPPITYBAPPITY BOPPITYBOOOO

THOK
TWANK
HOW AHRE WE DOIN'?
DONE
MEEP, WE'RE GETTING DEEP INTO SOMETHING SERIOUS. SERIOUS.
YER RYGHT YA SEEN MY BOOMERANG ANYWHERE?
SEE? MY STUDENT I.D. IS GOOD FOR SOMETHING: OPENED THAT DOOR RIGHT UP.
SKULKSKULKSKULK
UH OH. IT'S SONARSEAL™ PERMANENT STUFF.
ICE HOUSE
RYYGHT. SO HOW AHRE WE GONNA GET IN?
AHEM!
WHAT? A HAIR DRYER? BLOODY SILLY!
HEY. IT'S A LADY REMINGTON. IT'LL PEEL OFF BAKED ENAMEL!
MR K, YOU BETTER GO GAG THE BULLS. THIS IS TAKING A WHILE.
WHIR
FAN-PHOOEY-TASTIC. I GET THE FUN JOBS..
OOOOOH. BLOODY DISGUSTING.
JUST LIKE KAYO'S ROOM
OUCH!

HEY! MATSU MIKE'S ON THE TRAIL!!
HOW CAN HE THINK OF FOOD NOW?
HE'S ALWAYS HAD FOOD ON HIS MIND. HIS BRAIN CELLS MUST HAVE TASTE BUDS...
IT'S WAXY YELLOW BUILDUP.
NO, LOUT! THE OBJECT.
IT'S... IT'S A PLOT DEVICE!
FABULOUS. I'LL BET HE FINDS SOME-ONE'S ROTTED LUNCH...
NO! NO! IT'S A CLUE!
DON'T TOUCH IT, MIKE! YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE IT'S BEEN!
HEY! IT LOOKS LIKE A... COMPUTER CHIP.
NO!
HE LICKED IT! OH, GROSS!
SLURP
BOOMEDYBO
IT'S CHOCOLATE
A CHOCOLATE CHIP?
OOMEDYBO
BE SURE TO CHECK OUT ISSUE #! OF PRE-TEEN DIRTY-GENE KUNG-FU KANGAROOS TO PURSUE THIS GOOEY MYSTERY AND THE ANSWER TO THAT BURNING QUESTION:
WHERE IS THAT VOICE COMING FROM?
WOP!
END.

A 'ROO THANK YOU TO KALIA KLIBAN & HELEN GAINES.

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